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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Microsoft. The antitrust lawsuit has gone on for too long now and our government needs to settle this case. There has been more than enough time gone by to cover all the issues thoroughly, and I believe that any prolonged litigation at this point is not serving any public interest, but in fact just making money for politicians and lawmakers.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair, and should service to eliminate any complaints competitors might have about Microsoft's heavy-handed marketing tactics. Microsoft will be disclosing interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system, products and designing future versions of Windows so that computer makers and software developers can more easily promote their own products. But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

I urge your office to take a strong stance against the nine states that want to continue litigation. Our IT sector and economy cannot afford this and we need Microsoft back at full strength. Implement the settlement. It is in the best interest of the American Public.

Sincerely,

Tao Cheng